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Application No. 10/759,844
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A rack for releasably holding sport equipment comprising:
a support member including a base, a guide extending from said base, and a support prong extending from said base angularly disposed with respect to said guide;
a clamp member ~~[[movable]]~~ slideable along said guide between an open position and a secured closed position, said clamp member having a wedge surface substantially parallel to said support prong; and
a securing device configured to move said clamp member between said open and ~~[[secured]]~~ closed positions, whereby said wedge surface is configured to bias sport equipment against said support prong as the clamp member moves toward said closed position.
2. (Currently amended) A rack according to claim 1, wherein said rack is dimensioned and configured to hold a wake board, a knee board, a surf board, ~~[[and/or]]~~ or water skis.
3. (Original) A rack according to claim 1, wherein said support member comprises a pair of said support prongs and said clamp member comprises a corresponding pair of said wedge surfaces.
4. (Original) A rack according to claim 3, wherein said pair of support prongs are substantially symmetrically arranged about said guide and said pair of wedge surfaces are substantially symmetrically arranged about said guide.
5. (Original) A rack according to claim 1, wherein said rack comprises a pair of said support members and a corresponding pair of clamp members, said rack further comprising a cross brace having two ends, each said supporting member attached to said cross brace adjacent a respective end.

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6. (Original) A rack according to claim 5, wherein said rack further comprises a mount for securing said rack to a watercraft, said mount disposed on said cross brace intermediate said ends.

7. (Original) A rack according to claim 1, wherein said rack further comprises a resilient gripping member disposed on said support prong facing said wedge surface.

8. (Original) A rack according to claim 7, wherein said gripping member includes a lug extending toward said wedge surface when said clamp member is in said open position, and configured to flex toward said base as said clamp member is moved to said closed position.

9. (Original) A rack according to claim 8, wherein said gripping member includes a plurality of said lugs.

10. (Original) A rack according to claim 9, wherein said securing device includes a securing lever and a securing rod secured to said securing lever, extending through said support member and operably coupled to said clamp member.

11. (Original) A rack according to claim 10, wherein said closed position is adjustable to accommodate sport equipment of various widths.

12. (Original) A rack according to claim 11, wherein said securing rod has a threaded end adjustably coupled to a threaded pin of said securing lever.

13. (Currently amended) A rack for releasably holding sport equipment comprising: a support member having a longitudinal axis and including a base, a guide extending along said longitudinal axis from said base, and a support prong extending from said base at an angle with respect to said longitudinal axis;

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a clamp member ~~[[movable]]~~ along said guide between an open position and a secured closed position, said clamp member having a wedge surface substantially parallel to said support prong defining a variable width slot between said wedge surface and said support prong dimensioned to receive the sport equipment;

a resilient gripping member disposed on said support prong facing said wedge surface;
and

a securing device configured to move said clamp member between said open and ~~[[secured]]~~ closed positions, whereby said wedge surface is configured to bias said sport equipment against said support prong as the clamp member moves toward said closed position.

14. (Currently amended) A rack according to claim 13, wherein said rack is dimensioned and configured to hold a wake board, a knee board, a surf board, ~~[[and/or]]~~ or water skis.

15. (Original) A rack according to claim 13, wherein said support member comprises a pair of said support prongs and said clamp member comprises a corresponding pair of said wedge surfaces.

16. (Original) A rack according to claim 15, wherein said pair of support prongs are substantially symmetrically arranged about said longitudinal axis and said pair of wedge surfaces are substantially symmetrically arranged about said longitudinal axis.

17. (Original) A rack according to claim 13, wherein said rack comprises a pair of said support members and a corresponding pair of clamp members, said rack further comprising a cross brace having two ends, each said supporting member attached to said cross brace adjacent a respective end.

18. (Original) A rack according to claim 17, wherein said rack further comprises a mount for securing said rack to a watercraft, said mount disposed on said cross brace intermediate said ends.

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19. (Original) A rack according to claim 13, wherein said gripping member includes a lug extending toward said wedge surface when said clamp member is in said open position, and configured to flex toward said base as said clamp member is moved to said closed position.

20. (Original) A rack according to claim 19, wherein said gripping member includes a plurality of said lugs.

21. (Original) A rack according to claim 20, wherein said securing device includes a securing lever and a securing rod secured to said securing lever, extending through said support member and operably coupled to said clamp member.

22. (Currently amended) A rack according to claim 21, wherein said closed position is adjustable to accommodate said sport equipment of various widths.

23. (Original) A rack according to claim 22, wherein said securing rod has a threaded end adjustably coupled to a threaded pin of said securing lever.